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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 2068

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MISSIONARY REPORTS FROM GODI

1. AMERICAN MISSIONARIES STATIONED IN GODE, SOUTHERN HARRAGHE PROVINCE, RETURNED TO ADDIS ABABA FEB 15. THEY REPORTED THAT BECAUSE OF RUMORS OF INCREASED INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THEIR AREA, THEY NO LONGER FELT IT SAFE TO REMAIN IN GODE.

2. ONE OF THE MISSIONARIES STATED THAT A CAMEL CARAVAN DRIVEN HAD BEEN STOPPED BY A BAND OF 500 SOMALI INSURGENTS ON MUSTAHIL/KELAFO ROAD AND FORCED TO PAY TAX. OTHER CAMEL CARAVAN DRIVER ALLEGED THAT KEBRE DEHAR/DEGAHABUR ROAD WAS "CLOSED" BY SOMALI INSURGENTS WHO WERE EXTRACTING TAXATION FROM TRAVELERS ON THAT ROAD.

3. EPMG HAS REINFORCED GODE GARRISON WHICH PREVIOUSLY CONSISTED OF ONE UNDER-STRENGTH BATTALION. DURING PAST  
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TWO WEEKS ETHIOPIAN ARMY HAS BEEN CONDUCTING DAILY

ARTILLERY PRACTICE FROM GODE GARRISON. EFFECT OF DAILY  
PYROTECHNICS, MISSIONARIES STATE, HAS BEEN TO CAUSE  
NUMEROUS PEOPLE TO LEAVE CODE, PARTICULARLY SOMALI AGENTS  
WHO HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE RECRUITING INSURGENTS IN GODE.

4. MISSIONARIES KNEW OF NO OTHER SPECIFIC INCIDENTS BUT  
BASED THEIR EVACUATION MAINLY ON ABOVE STORIES AND ATOM-  
SPHERICS. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT "CLOSURE" OF KEBRE  
DEHAR/DEGAHABUR ROAD SHOULD BE READ FIGURATIVELY RATHER  
THAN LITERALLY.  
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